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For: CENTRAL-INK SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR MULTI-PRINTER SYSTEMS  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. national stage of PCT/IL99/00394, kindly  
mend the application as follows prior to examination:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following section, on page 1, immediately after the title:

## --RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT/IL99/00394, filed 18 July  
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## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 40 and  
41, in accordance with the following clean claims:

5. (Amended) A system according to claim 3 wherein:

the central source of toner concentrate comprises a central container of toner concentrate,  
containing a concentrate of the same color as a liquid-toner contained in a liquid-toner reservoir  
of the imaging apparatus; and

the toner concentrate conduit is a branching feed line comprising:

a junction having an input port and a plurality of output ports;

a line connecting the source with the input port; and

a plurality of lines, each connecting one of the output ports with a different one of  
the imaging apparatus.